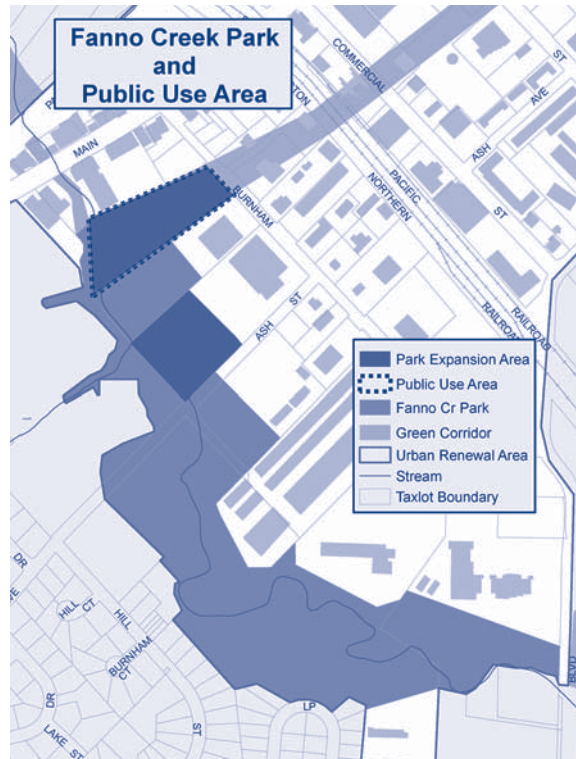


## **City to Develop Master Plan for Fanno Creek Park and Public Plaza in Downtown**

With voter approval of Urban Renewal in the Downtown in May, and adoption of the Downtown Implementation Strategy in August, the City is moving forward with one of the most important projects in the Downtown—a Master Plan for Fanno Creek Park and the Public Use Area. In addition to reconstruction of Burnham Street, anticipated to begin July 2007, this project is expected to begin the transformation of Downtown with improvements that will bring both people and developer interest to the area.

Fanno Creek Park, a 22 acre park bordering the southern edge of Downtown, will be redesigned and restored to its native habitat, providing the community with a unique “nature preserve” in the City. The Public Use Area, a multi-use plaza, will form the “heart” of the community where a range of community events can take place including a Farmer’s Market, outdoor concerts, or social gatherings.

Phase I, developing a master plan, will begin mid-February 2007, and seek broad community involvement. The City will hire a landscape architecture firm to develop design alternatives to be evaluated by the public and a designated project steering committee. In order to develop the type of plaza that meets long-term community needs, it’s important that citizens become involved and share their thoughts. Beginning February, specific opportunities for involvement will be published in Cityscape, posted at the library and at the City’s website, [www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov). If interested, contact: Phil Nachbar, Senior Planner / Downtown Development at 503-718-2557.



## **Downtown: Park & Plaza Design Update**

The city received ten proposals to develop a master plan for Fanno Creek Park and a public plaza in Downtown. A selection committee of representatives from the City Center Advisory Commission (CCAC), the Parks Board and staff are reviewing the proposals and will make a recommendation to Council for contract award in mid-March.

A master plan for Fanno Creek Park from Hall Blvd. to Main St. (23 acres) and an adjoining public plaza will be developed with a citizen-based Steering Committee. The project, considered a “catalyst” for re-

vitalization of the Downtown, will reach out to all segments of the community and begin in early April and continue through September.

The Steering Committee, consultants and staff team will face some interesting challenges: to design a public plaza that will become the heart of the community, but also be multi-functional. It may serve as a farmer’s market, entertainment venue or outdoor theatre. The other objective will be to reconstruct Fanno Creek to

prevent erosion and restore its natural riparian habitat. It will likely result in a “re-meandering” of the creek to help slow down the flow of water. Erosion has resulted from straightening a portion of its reach through the park. While the city manages the project, we’ll work closely with consultants hired by Clean Water Services to address the creek issue.



*Eroded banks, Fanno Creek Park*

The master plan for the park will dovetail with redesign of the creek so both goals can be achieved.

The city’s work program for Fanno Creek Park includes: master plan development in

FY 07-08, final

construction drawings

FY 07-08 and construction to begin FY 08-09. The plaza will be part of the master plan but will be constructed after the park and in coordination with other Downtown projects.

Stay tuned to this newsletter and the city’s web site for an upcoming schedule. For information, contact Phil Nachbar, Senior Planner/Downtown Development at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov).

## **City Selects Designer for Downtown Park and Plaza**

A selection team of citizens and staff has selected Walker Macy, a Portland landscape architecture firm to work on the design of the City's first public plaza in Downtown and the adjoining 22 acre Fanno Creek Park!

The firm has extensive experience in park and plaza design, and has designed many key public spaces in Oregon including Riverfront Commemorative Park in Corvallis, South Waterfront Park in Portland, the recent PSU Urban Plaza in Portland, and is developing the South Waterfront Greenway Plan for Portland. The firm demonstrated depth and experience in all areas relevant to Tigard's design challenges; ecological restoration, urban design and redevelopment, and public plazas.

Because Tigard's public plaza will interface with the rest of Downtown, an understanding of how adjoining buildings and the street should physically relate to the plaza is important. Walker Macy, a 40 person firm, has experience designing parks and open spaces that are located

within larger developed areas. The firm has broad design experience including Orenco Station in Hillsboro, the Belmont Dairy project, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Washington Park, the Oregon State Capitol Grounds, and the new campus for the Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital in Vancouver.

The master plan for Fanno Creek Park from Hall Blvd. to Main St. (23 acres) and an adjoining public plaza will be developed with assistance from a citizen-based Steering Committee. The timeline for the Park calls for completion of a master plan in 2007, final construction drawings in 2008, and start of construction in the summer of 2008. The Plaza will be built at a later time pending the City's ability to acquire a site and in coordination with other Downtown projects.

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*Riverfront Commemorative Park in Corvallis*

## **Master Plan for Downtown Park and Plaza Gets Underway**

Now that a consulting landscape architecture firm has been chosen, the city is currently preparing to develop a Master Plan for Fanno Creek Park in the downtown area and a new public plaza! This project is part of the city Urban Redevelopment District, approved by voters in May 2006.

### **Who's Involved**

A steering committee made up of downtown property owners, the City Center Advisory Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, adjoining neighborhoods, and the larger community will work with staff and Walker Macy, Landscape Architects, to help provide design direction.

### **What's Next?**

Once a planning schedule has been developed, Tigard's residents will be invited to attend steering committee meetings so the community can participate in the process. It is expected to

take six to nine months to build community consensus around key design decisions. Some of those decisions include how the realignment and restoration of Fanno Creek will fit into the park, the siting, use and character of the city's new public plaza, and what the new park will look like.

### **Where Do We Start?**

Understanding how plazas have been used in other cities will be a starting point for discussion. With the goal to design Tigard's plaza to serve as both a "catalyst" for new development as well as a unique public place useable for a variety of events, the Steering Committee will be asked to provide recommendations to City Council. At the end of the process, the community will have a master plan that can be used to provide direction for eventual construction of the park and plaza.

The existing 23-acre Fanno Creek Park between Hall Blvd. and Main Street

provides Tigard's downtown with a great opportunity. Few communities have this amount of natural area right next to its downtown. Because Tigard's public plaza is a key part of the downtown redevelopment, the project will also address how future adjoining buildings should be designed to relate to the plaza.

The timeline for the redesigned park calls for completion of the master plan in 2007, construction drawings in 2008, and the start of construction in the summer of 2008. The plaza will be built at a later time pending the City's ability to acquire land and in coordination with other downtown projects.

### **For More Information**

Stay tuned to this newsletter and the city's web site ([www.tigard-or.gov](http://www.tigard-or.gov)) for an upcoming schedule. For information, contact Downtown Development/Senior Planner Phil Nachbar at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov).

### Downtown: Small Changes, Big Ideas

The development of the master plan for Fanno Creek Park and a Downtown Public Plaza is driving the big ideas for downtown. One strategy taking form is to make small, noticeable improvements that begin to change the perception of the area. One of those small changes is the “Main Street Demonstration Project,” intended to provide a glimpse of what Main Street could look like when it is fully reconstructed.

As recommended by the City Center Advisory Commission (CCAC), the city installed new street trees and will be replacing the street lighting with the more traditional “acorn style” on the east side of Main St. between the

railroad and Fanno Creek. As part of safety improvements in downtown, the crosswalk on Main at Commercial Street was relocated to the south corner of Commercial Street.

The master plan for Fanno Creek Park and the Downtown Plaza is well underway. The top design challenges being tackled by the Steering Committee and consulting landscape architects Walker Macy are to recreate Fanno Creek Park as a beautiful, restored native habitat that provides spaces for people to view and appreciate nature. Equally important is a strong connection between the downtown public plaza and the park.

#### How can I learn more?

- Receive automatic updates: [www.tigard-or.gov/subscribe](http://www.tigard-or.gov/subscribe)
- Stay tuned to this newsletter for ongoing project info
- Contact Senior Planner Phil Nachbar at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov)

#### Can I Get Involved? Yes!

- Fanno Creek Park & Plaza Steering Committee Meeting
- **Wed., August 8, 6:30 p.m. Library Community Room**
- **Topic:** Location for the public plaza and park design concepts



### City Council Decides Location for Downtown Plaza

At an August 28 public hearing, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution selecting the Stevens Marine property as the site for the Downtown Plaza, and endorsed the concept plan for the core area.

Deciding the location for the plaza is essential to progress in downtown. It allows consultants Walker Macy, landscape architects, to begin working on the plaza's specific design. It also provides direction for the city to begin working more closely with property owners to look at what a redevelopment project next to the plaza will look like.

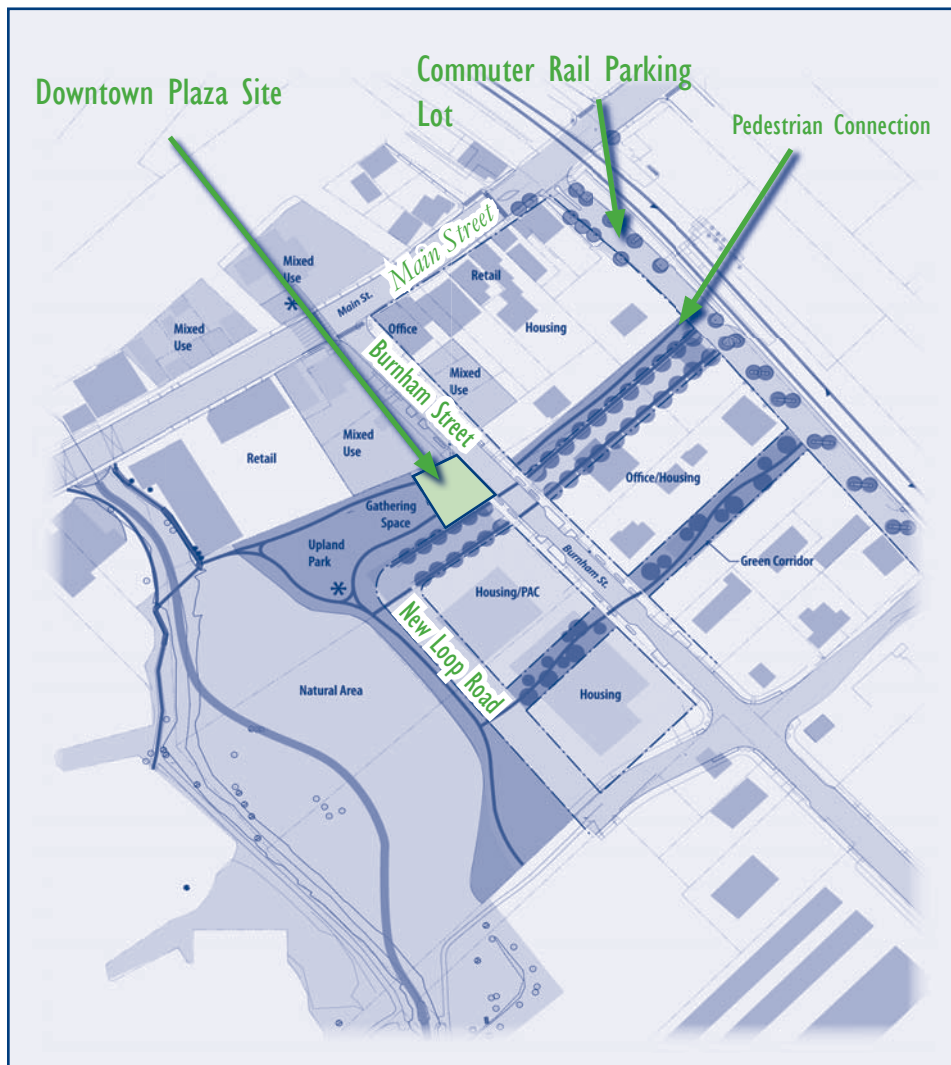
The four site options included the Stevens Marine site, the corner of Main and Burnham (liquor store site), the Dolan

Property (on Burnham Street), and Main Street at Burnham St. (car wash site). While it was initially thought that a plaza right on Main Street would be more likely to be used on an everyday basis and support redevelopment there, the community and Council felt that a strong connection to Fanno Creek Park, and being able to work with adjacent property owners towards redevelopment was more important.

The August 28 Council Meeting heard testimony from the two key groups and members of the public. Representatives of the committees and members of the public liked the concept plan for the core area of downtown and said that it showed a better understanding of how the plaza would be connected to other areas. The concept

plan shows a smaller block system in the area, allowing better circulation, a direct pedestrian walkway from the new commuter rail parking lot to the plaza, and a new loop road next to the plaza and along the edge of a new "Upland Park" next to the Fanno Creek natural area. There were two key citizen groups which reviewed the options and came up with recommendations to City Council. Both the Fanno Creek Steering Committee, the lead group for the project, and the City Center Advisory Commission (CCAC), the advisory group to Council for Urban Renewal projects, independently arrived at the same endorsement of the Stevens Marine site for the plaza.

The project schedule and documents are on-line at: [www.tigard-or.gov/masterplan](http://www.tigard-or.gov/masterplan).



### Get Involved Today in Tigard's Future

The City Center Advisory Commission (CCAC) is recruiting for three new members and two alternate positions. The CCAC advises the City Center Development Agency on Urban Renewal projects in the downtown. Applications are due November 15. The following openings are available:

- One member representing business or property owners whose business or property is located within the City Center Urban Renewal District;
- One Tigard resident with relevant professional experience including real estate development, land use planning, affordable housing or design;
- One resident of Tigard representing a cross-section of interests in the community at large.

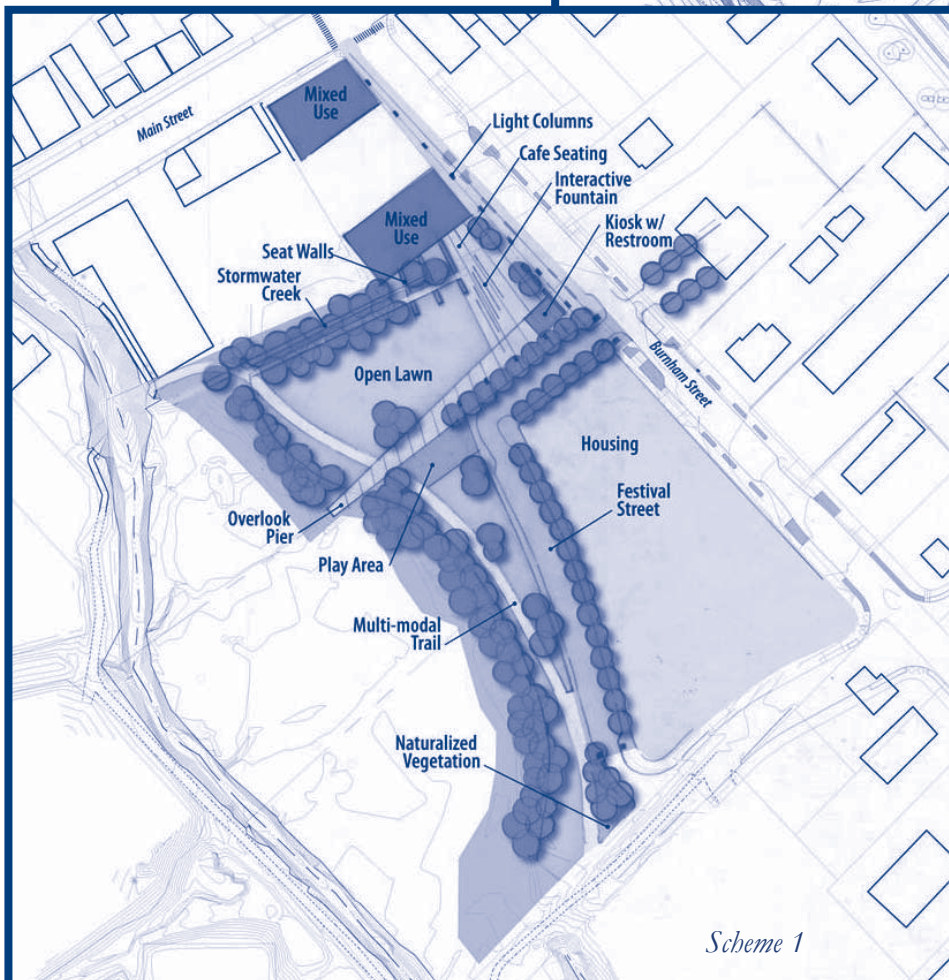
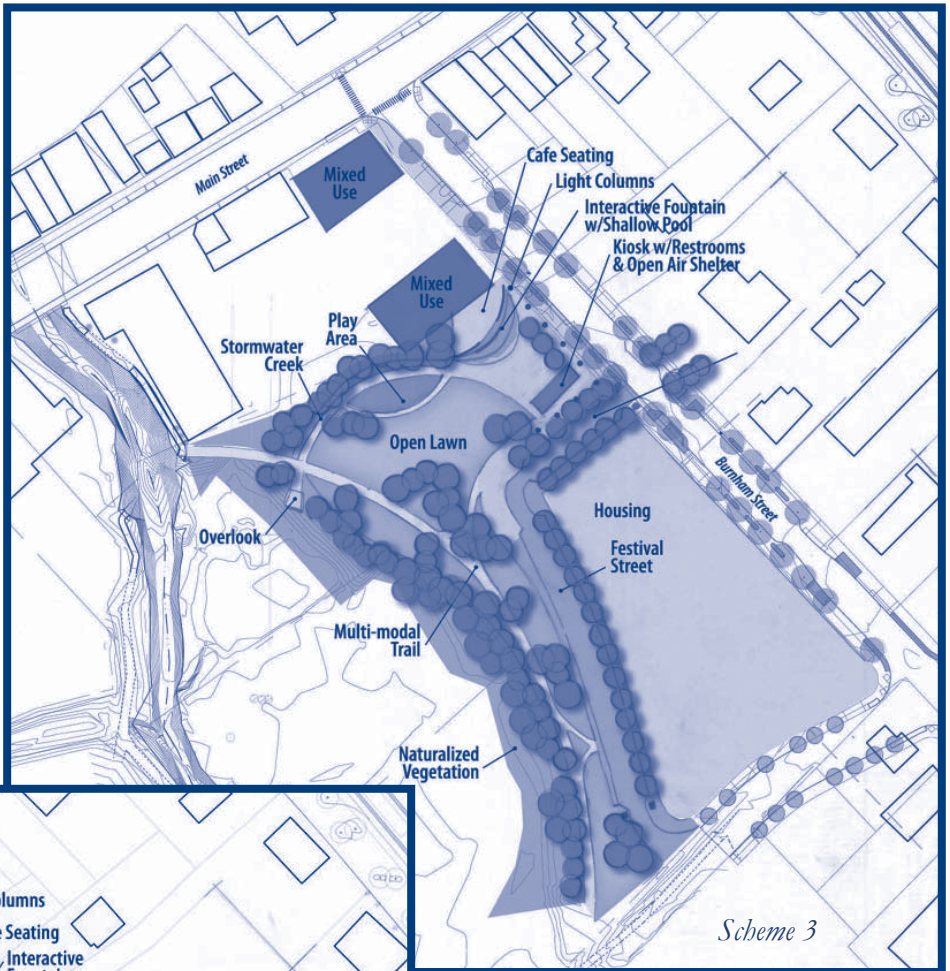
For more information or to receive an application, contact Redevelopment Manager Phil Nachbar at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov).

## New Concept Designs for Downtown Park and Plaza

Two new park and plaza designs for the Fanno Creek Steering Committee to consider were revealed by consultant Walker Macy in late September. The project is moving forward with more visual detail, allowing the community to see just what the core area of downtown could look like.

### Dramatic Changes

The design for Fanno Creek Park, the 23-acre park between Main Street and Hall Blvd., which would connect to the plaza, is primarily a nature preserve. Much of it is within wetlands. The most dramatic change being planned for the park will be a re-channeling of Fanno Creek to restore it to near-original form. Other suggested changes include realigning trails away from industrial property, improving native habitat, building new bridges and boardwalks, and providing viewpoints where people can observe nature.



### Plaza Designs Shown

The three plaza options (only two shown here) all have common elements but with a different layout. All have a park-like setting next to the plaza, an open lawn area, a “festival street” that can be closed off for events such as a farmer’s market, an overlook to the natural area, café seating next to adjoining redevelopment, a play area and an interactive fountain. Scheme 2 (not shown) is similar to the other two options but has natural, amphitheater seating for performances on the “great lawn.”

### Details Available

The park and plaza designs and an upcoming meeting schedule may be viewed at the Permit Center counter or online at [www.tigard-or.gov/masterplan](http://www.tigard-or.gov/masterplan). For additional information, contact Downtown Redevelopment Manager Phil Nachbar at 503-718-2557 or [phil@tigard-or.gov](mailto:phil@tigard-or.gov).